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12	THOMAS O'CONNOR, an individual, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:11- CV-02140-JSW
13 14		[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
15	Plaintiffs,	
16	v.	
17	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC., an Illinois corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,	
18	Defendants.	
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20	NANCY DARDARIAN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:11-CV-00945-JSW
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22	Plaintiff,	
23	V.	
24	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC. d/b/a CRATE & BARREL, an Illinois corporation,	
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26 27	Defendant.	
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1 2 3	JESSICA SHUGHROU, an individual, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff,	Case No. 3:11-cv-02325-JSW
4	vs.	
5	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC., an Illinois corporation, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	
6 7	Defendants	
8	CARLOS CAMPBELL, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:11-CV-01368-JSW
10	Plaintiff,	
11	V.	
12	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC., an Illinois	
13	corporation, Defendant.	
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15	ZETHA NOBLE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:11-CV-03329-JSW
16 17	Plaintiff,	
18	v.	
19	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, an Illinois corporation,	
20	Defendant.	
21	TIFFANY HEON, for herself and All Others	Case No. 3:11-CV-05239-JSW
22	Similarly Situated,	Case 1(0. 5.11 C V 0525) 55 W
23 24	Plaintiff,	
25	V.	
26	EUROMARKET DESIGNS, INC., dba CRATE & BARREL and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,	
27	Defendant.	
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Plaintiffs in the above-captioned actions have submitted an unopposed Motion for entry of an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, determining certain matters in connection with the proposed Settlement of this class action, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties and presented to the Court for approval. After consideration of the Settlement Agreement and the exhibit annexed thereto, and after due deliberation and consideration of the totality of the circumstances and the record, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

- 1. **Defined Terms.** The Court adopts the defined terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement for purposes of this Order, unless otherwise specified.
- 2. **Preliminary Approval of Settlement.** The Settlement Agreement, including the Full Notice, the Statutory Claimant Summary Notice, and the Common Law Claimant Certificate attached as Exhibit 1 to the Settlement Agreement are preliminarily approved. The Court concludes that the proposed settlement is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness to warrant the conditional certification of the Settlement Classes, the scheduling of the Fairness Hearing, and for Defendant Euromarket Designs, Inc. ("Crate & Barrel" or "Defendant") to provide the Class Notices.
- 3. **Provisional Certification of "Common Law Claimants".** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3), the Settlement Class of "Common Law Claimants" is provisionally certified as all persons who: (1) purchased merchandise from a Crate & Barrel store in California between July 16, 2009 and February 10, 2011; (3) using a credit card; and (3) from whom Crate & Barrel requested and recorded their ZIP Code into its POS System. Excluded from Common Law Claimants are any persons whose purchase during the relevant time period involved shipping, delivery, alterations, or a special order; who are deceased; and/or who are included within the Statutory Claimants group.
- 4. **Provisional Certification of "Statutory Claimants".** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3), the Settlement Class of "Statutory Claimants" is provisionally certified as all persons who: (1) purchased merchandise from a Crate & Barrel store in California between February 11, 2010 and February 11, 2011; (2) using a credit card; and (3) from whom Crate & Barrel requested and recorded their ZIP Code into its POS System. Excluded from Statutory Claimants are

any persons whose purchase during the relevant time period involved shipping, delivery, alterations, or a special order; or who are deceased.

- 5. Appointment of Class Representative and Class Counsel. Plaintiffs Jessica Shughrou, Carlos Campbell, Nancy Dardarian, Thomas O'Connor, Tiffany Heon, Zetha Noble, and Jason Salmonson are conditionally appointed as the Class Representatives to implement the proposed settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. The law firms of Stonebarger Law, APC; Patterson Law Group, APC; Hoffman & Lazear; Morris and Associates; and The Terrell Law Groupare appointed as Class Counsel. The Class Representatives and Class Counsel must fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class.
- 6. **Provision of Notice to the Settlement Class**. Crate & Barrel shall provide the Class Notices to the Settlement Class Members of the proposed settlement in the manner specified in Section 5.2 of the Settlement Agreement and will pay all costs associated with claims administration and providing notice to Settlement Class Members pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Settlement Agreement.
- 7. **Request for Exclusion (Opt Out).** Settlement Class Members who want to be excluded from the proposed settlement must submit a written, signed Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Fairness Hearing.
- 8. Class Benefit. Within twenty (20) calendar days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Crate & Barrel shall provide each Common Law Claimant for whom it maintains a complete address with a Common Law Claimant Credit Certificate with the Class Notice. If the Court grants final approval of the proposed settlement, Crate & Barrel shall mail a Statutory Claimant Credit Certificate to each Statutory Claimant who does not opt out and for whom it maintains a complete address within ten (10) calendar days following Final Judicial Approval.
- 9. **Objection to Settlement.** Settlement Class Members who have not submitted a timely Request for Exclusion and who want to object to the proposed settlement, must file a signed, written objection with this Court and serve copies on Class Counsel and Crate & Barrel's Counsel, no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Fairness Hearing.

- 10. **Notice of Intention to Appear at Fairness Hearing.** Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to be heard at the Fairness Hearing must file a signed, written Notice of Intention to Appear with the Court and serve copies on Class Counsel and Crate & Barrel's Counsel, no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Fairness Hearing.
- 11. **Timeliness.** For purposes of determining timeliness for Settlement Class Member submissions of Requests for Exclusion, Objections, or Notices of Intention to Appear, the submission shall be deemed to have been made on the date postmarked by the postal service or other expedited delivery service.
- 12. **Failure to Act.** Settlement Class Members who do nothing (i.e., they do not submit a Request for Exclusion or do not object), will be included in the Settlement Class and be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement, if the Court grants final approval of the proposed settlement. These Settlement Class Members will neither receive the Class Benefit nor be able to pursue any other lawsuit against Crate & Barrel concerning or relating to the claims alleged in this Action.
- 13. **Effect of Termination of Settlement Agreement.** If the Settlement Agreement terminates for any reason, the following will occur: (a) Settlement Class certification will be automatically vacated, and (b) this Action will revert to its previous status in all respects as it existed before the Parties executed the Settlement Agreement. This Order does not waive or otherwise impact the Parties' rights or arguments.
- 14. **No Admissions.** Nothing in this Order is, or may be construed as, an admission or concession on any point of fact or law by or against any Party.
- 15. **Stay of Proceedings.** All discovery and pretrial proceedings and deadlines are stayed and suspended until further notice from the Court, except for such actions as are necessary to implement the Settlement Agreement.
 - 16. **Deadlines.** The Court sets the following deadlines:
- a. Crate & Barrel shall complete the mailing of Class Notices, as provided in Section 5.2 of the Settlement Agreement, within twenty (20) calendar days of the date of entry of this Order.

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2	b. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall file all papers supporting Plaintiffs' request			
3	for attorneys' fees and costs and class representative incentive awards at least fourteen (14) days			
4	prior to the Objection Deadline.			
5	c. Settlement Class Members shall submit Requests for Exclusion or objections,			
6	if they so elect, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Fairness Hearing.			
7	d. Responses to any objections submitted by Settlement Class Members shall be			
8	filed at least seven (7) days prior to the Fairness hearing.			
9	e. Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement and any			
0	other papers supporting Final Approval shall be filed at least seven (7) days prior to the Fairness			
11	hearing.			
2	f. On June 28, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. this Court will hold a Fairness Hearing to			
13	determine whether the Settlement Agreement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and			
4	adequate. The Court may order the Fairness Hearing to be postponed, adjourned, or continued. If			
15	that occurs, other than posting the new date on the Settlement Website maintained by the Settlement			
6	Administrator, Crate & Barrel will not be required to provide additional notice to Settlement Class			
17	Members.			
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9	IT IS SO ORDERED			
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23	United States District Judge			
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